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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/659,746   First Named Applicant: Esther Dabney

Examiner: W. Rankins   Art Unit: 3696   Status of Application: pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) Deborah S. Gladstein   (2)_____

(3)_____   (4)_____

Proposed Date of Interview: November 19, 2009   Proposed Time: 1:00 PM (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) [✗] Telephonic   (2) [ ] Personal   (3) [ ] Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: [x] YES   [ ] NO

If yes, provide brief description: ___claims___

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1)_____	_____	_____	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(2)_____	_____	_____	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(3)_____	_____	_____	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
(4)_____	_____	_____	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

[ ] Continuation Sheet Attached   claims

[✗] Proposed Amendment or Arguments Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

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An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

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Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature   Examiner/SPE Signature

___Deborah S. Gladstein___
Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

___43,636___
Registration Number, if applicable

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already extended end time upon receiving an additional bid after said end time has been extended; and

allowing sellers to issue direct offers to sell to high bidders before listing expiration, and allowing sellers to issue offers to sell to any bidders after a listing expiration.

21-22. (canceled)

23. (Currently amended) In an online network-connected computer system of the type that receives requests transmitted over a network from users and responds by providing data over said network for display by said requesting users, a method of performing computer based processes to provide data over the network relating to online auction-style listings, the method comprising:

maintaining a database of items available for auction-style listing;

receiving requests allowing sellers to specify whether items are to be listed in said database as conditional or binding transactions;

in response to user requests received over the network, generating and sending data over the network representing displays of (a) the conditional or binding characteristic of an item listing, and (b) at least some other information relating to the item; and

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receiving further requests representing offers to purchase the item over the network that lead to change in state of the ownership of the item; and

allowing sellers to issue direct offers to sell to high bidders before listing expiration, and allowing sellers to issue offers to sell to any bidders after a listing expiration.

24. (Currently amended) In an online network-connected computer system of the type that receives requests transmitted over a network from users and responds by providing at least data over said network for display by said requesting users, a method of providing online listings comprising:

maintaining at least one database of items listed for sale;

sending, over the network, data representing a user interface display of at least some of said items in a classified advertising listing format;

sending, over the network, data representing a user interface display of at least others of said items in an auction-style listing format; and

allowing sellers, through automatic interaction with the computer system, to select item listings and flexibly change selected item listings between said classified advertising and said auction-style listing formats; and

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<u>allowing sellers to issue direct offers to sell to high bidders before</u>

<u>listing expiration, and allowing sellers to issue offers to sell to any bidders</u>

<u>after a listing expiration.</u>

25. (Currently amended) In an online network-connected computer

system of the type that receives requests transmitted over a network from

users and responds by providing at least data over said network for display

by said requesting users, a method of providing online transaction services

comprising:

storing auction-style listings in a database;

allowing potential bidders to search through and request selective

display of at least some of said database contents via messages

exchanged over a network;

accepting bids from users and providing data representing at least

some information concerning said bids to corresponding sellers; ~~and~~

allowing sellers whose items have been bid upon to use the network

to issue offers to sell items users have bid on while temporarily suspending

auction-style listings for predetermined durations, thereby preventing other

users from submitting bids on said suspended auction-style listings when

corresponding unaccepted offers to sell from sellers to users for said items

are outstanding<u>; and</u>

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allowing sellers to issue direct offers to sell to high bidders before listing expiration, and allowing sellers to issue offers to sell to any bidders after a listing expiration.

26-37. (canceled)

38. (Currently amended) In an online network-connected computer system of the type that receives requests transmitted over a network from users and responds by providing at least data over said network for display by said requesting users, a method of providing online auction-style listing services comprising:

storing information relating to items for sale auction-style in a computer database;

scheduling auction-style listings and associated end times associated with said listed items;

posting auction style listings on a web page for viewing by users, said auction style listings soliciting competitive bids while concealing predetermined prices the seller will accept to sell items;

receiving, from users over the network, competitive bids with respect to said auction style listings; and

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in response to a bid received before the end of an auction style listing, allowing authorized sellers to accept bids and unilaterally end auction-style listings before said end times; and

allowing sellers to issue direct offers to sell to high bidders before listing expiration, and allowing sellers to issue offers to sell to any bidders after a listing expiration.